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SPECIAL NOTICE —

Due to the fact that the first Sunday
(our regularly scheduled meeting day)
in January falls on New Year's Day,

THE JANUARY MEETING OF YACO
WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 8

7 p.m., V.F.W. Hall, Freedom

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Merry Christmas, YACOs. January will bring some changes to the Organization. Just to name a few, YACO now has a Board of Trustees, namely: Babe Hill, Pres., Emme Colendich, Vice Pres., Pat Solano, Secty., Ron Hill, Treas., and Andy Gulermovich, Ambassador at Large, Cultural Director, Program Committee, and Parliamentarian. As you will see by the Calendar of Events, we have a plan for the year. That's not to say all will come to pass, but we are all dedicated enough to give it our best shot. Hanging in with us will be Jo Puhera as Sunshine Committee, Ella Korach and Naida Nicholas will be the Dessert Committee. Thanks a million, ladies. We are going to need all the help we can get. For now it looks like Monthly Socials, Potlucks, Films and Slides, Lectures, History, and we hope some Genealogy. If you have film/slides that we can use as a program, please call me or Andy. If you have any ideas that might further the interest of our people, I would be happy to hear from you. . . . Maybe with the Board of Trustees it will help some of the election pressures, and the monthly programs will help to keep the interest up. . . . To Quote a longtime member, Mato Paljetak, "We are not here to make money, we are here to make friends." Do you remember that, Mato??? It was at our very first YACO July Picnic In February we will give our members (members only/ no guests) a free dinner in appreciation for all the support and Faith you have given YACO over the years. We will try to make this a yearly function, but please — for members only. There will be no exceptions, reservations only. Call me at 724-1284. Only 150 seats available. . . . I just talked to Mary Basich and she will stay with us as Bake Sale Chairman. Thank you very much, Mary. We need you . . . Please check the calendar in this issue for all of our activities for the year.

Thank you for your patience, advice, ideas and support at the meetings. We will always need you and your input. Don't hesitate to call me for whatever reason.

Babe

Dear Members:

It was great seeing so many of you at our Christmas Party. It was one of the best so far. We had a nice crowd. A good time was had by all.

Y.A.C.O. presented awards for outstanding service to the following people: Ella Korach and Mary Gizdich, our dessert committee Chairpersons. You did a great job, ladies!; Zarko and Nevenka Radich for all their help through the years, baking, setting up tables and many things too numerous to mention; Sasha, Bryan and Mis for wrapping the table service for all of our events; Edith Knowles for all her help wherever she is needed; Jo Puhera for ordering flowers and sending cards to our members. She has been doing a good job for a long time; Carole Gospodnetich for her decorating skills and for all her long hours over Y.A.C.O. books; Lena Derpich for her culinary skills in the kitchen. She is a very dedicated member. Thanks, Lena.

I would like to take this time to thank my officers: George Jurickovich, Carole Gospodnetich, Nick Miloslavich and Ron Hill. Thank you one and all.

I would like to say a special thanks to Bill Lawrence for all his help at the dinner; Joan Jurickovich for her help with the decorating and for baking. We can always count on her to bring a goodie for our meetings; and to Rose Santich — she is always willing to help.

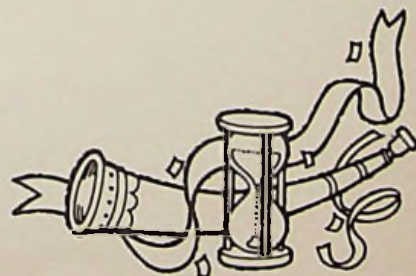
Last but not least, to my good buddy Ron Hill, many, many thanks for all the good times in the kitchen. I couldn't have done it without you. Thanks, partner.

To all of the people who have helped in the events of the past year, my thanks and gratitude for an outstanding job. That's what Y.A.C.O. is all about — working together and having a good time.

As outgoing President I would like to wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and a Healthy and Happy New Year.

Sincerely,

Jerry Gospodnetich
Jerry Gospodnetich



YACO

Yugoslav-American Cultural Organization

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THIS IS YACO'S CALENDAR FOR 1989. FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE, WE SUGGEST THAT YOU PUT IT UP WHERE IT WILL BE A REMINDER OF YACO EVENTS FOR THE COMING YEAR. WE HOPE TO SEE YOU AT AS MANY OF THESE EVENTS AS POSSIBLE AND IF YOU HAVE A REMINDER CALENDAR, MAYBE WE'LL SEE YOU AT MOST OF THESE AFFAIRS.

YACO 1989

JANUARY 8	AUDIO/VISUAL (Slides) plus desserts	7:00 p.m.
FEBRUARY 5	KUPUS FEED - FREE TO MEMBERS	7:00 p.m.
MARCH 4	ANNIVERSARY DINNER DANCE- Elks' Club	
APRIL 2	JUST DESSERTS & REMINISCING	7:00 p.m.
MAY 7	MOTHERS' DAY POTLUCK (Don't forget Scholarship Bake Sale at Fairway Market Also)	7:00 p.m.
JUNE 4	ACADEMIC AWARDS plus Program to be Announced	
JULY 2	YACO ANNUAL BARBEQUE - Corralitos Padres Park	11:00 - ?
AUGUST 6	Program to be announced	7:00 p.m.
SEPTEMBER 3	Program to be announced	7:00 p.m.
OCTOBER 1	AUDIO/VISUAL (Slides or Movie)	7:00 p.m.
NOVEMBER 5	ELECTIONS & Desserts	7:00 p.m.
DECEMBER 3	YACO CHRISTMAS PARTY	5:00 - ?

We have entertainment planned for various month's programs and will notify you of the specific planned entertainment in the Kalifornski. For any further information, please feel free to call President, BABE HILL at (408) 724-1284. For specific times and cost of event, just give BABE a call. Unless otherwise noted, all events will take place at the VFW Hall in Freedom next to K-Mart Shopping Center.

We have a lot of plans for the coming year and would like to hear from the membership as to what ideas you might have for making 1989 an exciting year for YACO and our members. YACO lives for you and if you are not happy, we cannot be happy. We want to present programs that you will leave home to come and see so tell us what would make you do that.

Come to YACO and meet your good friends and if you don't have any good friends, then come to YACO and meet some. Keep up with the times and the people. COME TO YACO!

NEW FEATURES —

The Kalifornski is pleased to announce that it now has a group of writers available to interview members so we can have more stories and articles in the newsletter.

Do you have a favorite story that you'd like to share with the rest of the club through the newsletter? All you have to do is phone one of the writers, and we will write the story for you. It's that simple.

The writers are:

Nick Miloslavich 462-2532
Lena Derpich 724-1386
Christine Barlow 724-1880
Babe Hill 724-1284
Andy Gulermovich 722-0622

Your story can be about almost anything. Length doesn't matter. Sometimes little snippets can be the most fun. A favorite memory, impressions of a visit to Yugoslavia, an old family tradition, memories of old Watsonville, or even where a recipe came from could all be good stories in the Kalifornski if you will just call a writer. The story of a mother teaching her daughter how to cook a traditional dish would be a great way to present a recipe.

We hope to start a couple of new features including a "Members of YACO" column. This column will be a short biography and interview with a YACO member each month. We can get to know each other better once this becomes a regular feature.

Another column is called "Coming to America." This will feature the journey and impressions of members who left the old country and came to America. It hasn't always been a 10-hour jet flight from Yugoslavia to California, and the stories of immigrants on boats, trains, cars and horses in a "foreign land" should be good.

A Help Wanted section will be added because the club always needs more help to do everything.

Look for these features and more in future editions of the Kalifornski, but you have to call the writers first before anything can appear.

(— Nick Miloslavich)

MAIL THIS COUPON TODAY!

QUESTIONNAIRE COUPON —

We are in the process of publishing a souvenir Membership Booklet for our March 4, 1989 10th Anniversary Dinner. If we are to be accurate we need the following information, or we shall put in the book what information we have.

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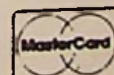
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BABE BRAUTOVICH HILL

What a marvelous turn out we had for the Christmas Dinner. I'll bet the fellows served 175 dinners (just a guess). What a fun night it was. There were many awards given out. I'm sure they will be listed in this issue somewhere. I don't even remember who won the 50/50 participation. (You have to be careful how you use the word "Raffle" now.) Maybe some of the law types out there will call me or drop us a line explaining the ruling on RAFFLES, O.K.??? Anyway, the music was great, the food delicious, Santa Claus was great, and everyone was happy (especially the kids. They all got a Christmas stocking from Santa.) . . . We all sang "Happy Birthday" to Stella Lucich and Mis Radich . . . Did you see our very own John Basor in the paper? He is into the E.S.J. program. Good work, John . . . Do you remember me telling you about the golfer, Fred Couples??? Well, his Mom and Dad are very good friends of ours. They were here from Seattle to watch Fred in the Pebble Beach Nabisco Tournament. His mother was Vi Sobic. Last time they were here we ate at the Miramar. This time we ate at the Del Monte. All they could talk about was how great the weather was for golfing. Then, if you remember, it rained like crazy during the tournament. Oh well, we can't be perfect California all the time . . . Don't forget the February Kupus Dinner will be free to members only. No guests, please. Call me for reservations (724-1284). We will sit only 150 . . . Must go for now. Remember, there's been a date change for the January meeting. See you on January 8th for a slide presentation and refreshments. . . .

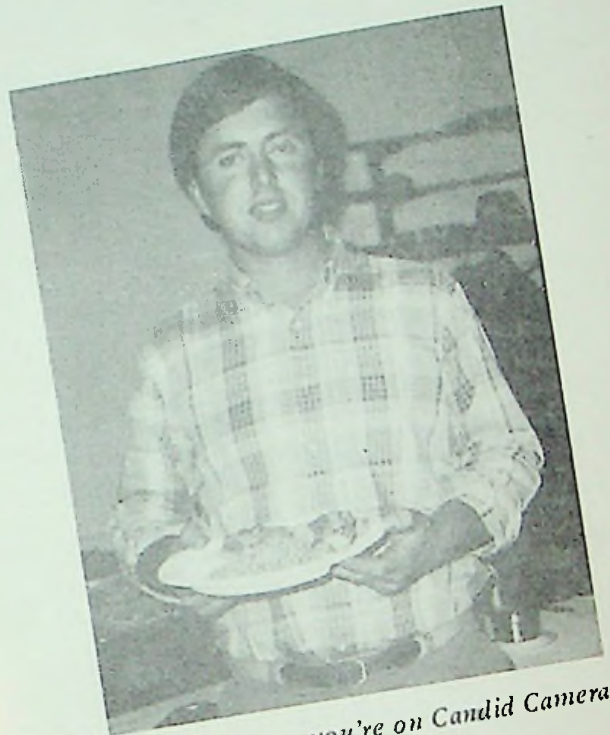
Some familiar faces at the Christmas Dinner:

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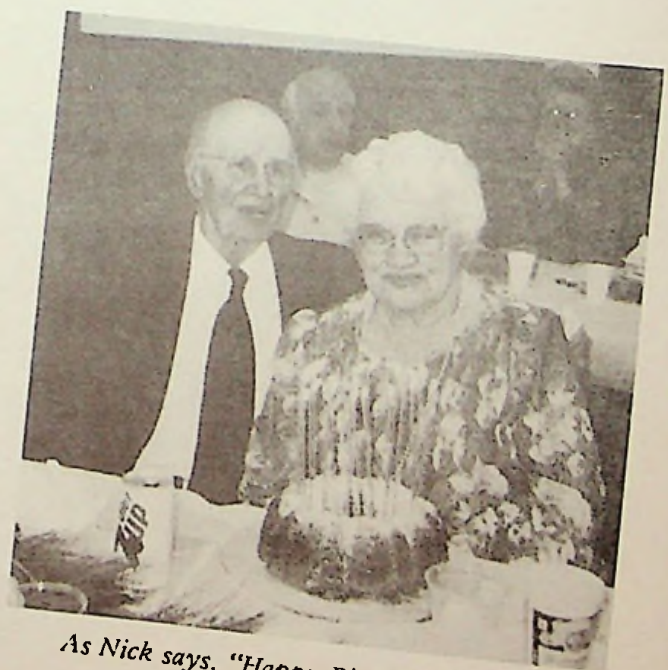
I'm sure that I missed some, but please consider my age, my memory, my bad penmanship, and anything else you can think of . . .

Toodle . . . ooo. See you Jan. 8th (date change!)

party



Smile, John . . . you're on Candid Camera.



As Nick says, "Happy Birthday, Stella!"

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*George, Ron, Jerry and Zarko . . .
obviously cooking is a barrel of laughs.*



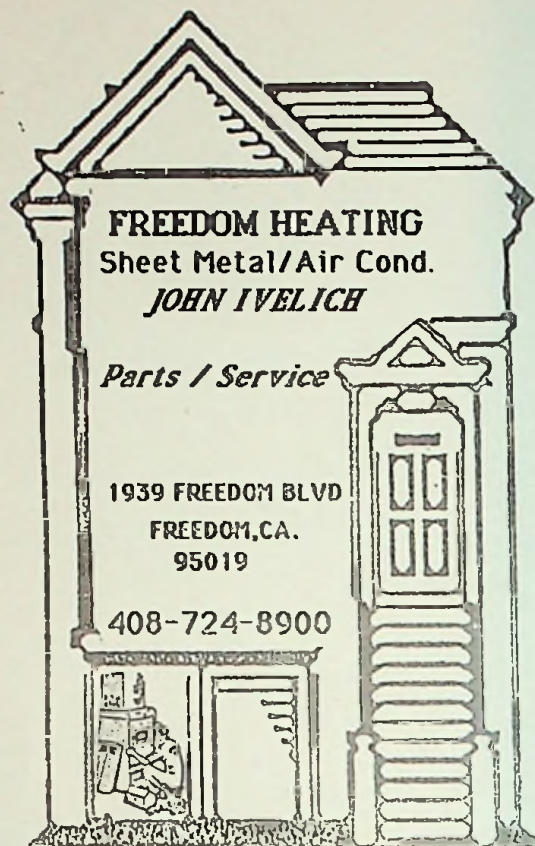
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helping make the place pretty for the party.*



Carole and Jerry



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ENTERTAINMENT ASSISTANTS — Call Babe Hill at 724-1284. Do you have slides of a trip to Yugoslavia? Do you have a videotape of something other members might like to see? YACO is trying to develop a list of resources that could be available for programs at future meetings. Anything you might have to share would be welcome on the resource list.



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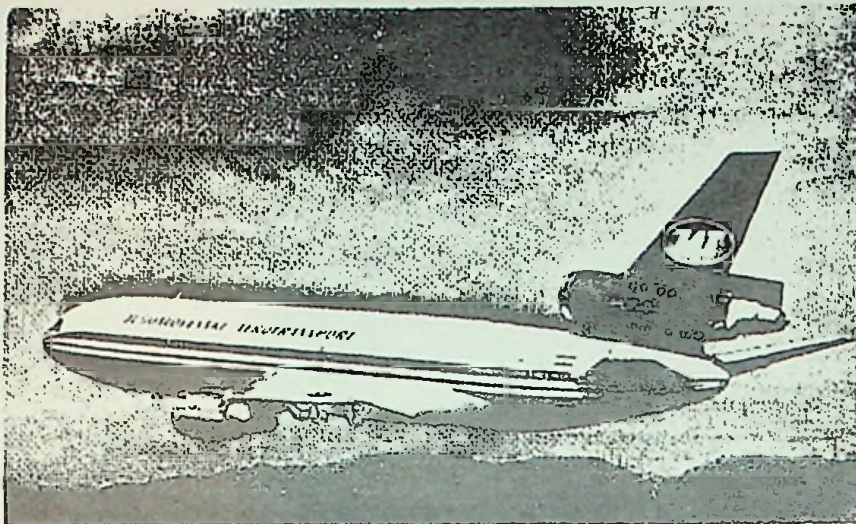
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YACO was established in 1979 as a non-profit club without political or religious ties for the sole purpose of bringing together Yugoslavs and other interested persons to make known and to preserve our Slavic heritage. We are proud that among our membership we have families and individuals whose roots represent each region of present-day Yugoslavia, as well as non-slavic members who support the club's goals.

A year-around series of programs and events has proven an enjoyable way for YACO to provide its focus on Slavic heritage. Such activities include picnics, lectures and slide presentations on Yugoslavia and its historic culture, plus potluck and sit-down dinners. We also publish a monthly newsletter, THE KALIFORNSKI, full of interesting articles, recipes, and news of our area's Yugoslav community.

Our meetings (the first Sunday of each month) may include a potluck, special dinner, films, dancing, and raffles, plus we hold an annual July barbeque.

Won't you accept our invitation to join us? We're sure you'll soon find YACO to be one of your favorite clubs.

Our dues are as follows:

Single membership \$12

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Interests: _____

Yugoslav Background: _____

Children under 18 included in Family Membership: _____

ATTENTION:

THE KALIFORNSKI is your publication. If there is anything in particular that you would like to see in any future issues, please don't hesitate to contact us. If you have any subjects relating to Yugoslav heritage or about Yugoslavs, here or abroad, that you would like to share or see published in this newsletter, please let us know. We would appreciate your input in publishing this newsletter each month. If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact us:

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SUGGESTED TOPICS:

1. Trips by YACO members
2. Visitors from the Old Country
3. Newspaper or magazine articles about Yugoslavia or Yugoslavs, local or abroad
4. Weddings, anniversaries, graduations, birth announcements, or special celebrations by YACO members
5. Civic or cultural contributions by Yugoslavs
6. Yugoslav recipes
7. Yugoslav songs, poetry or stories
8. Special family traditions for holidays, etc.
9. Yugoslav stories for children
10. Anything you think might be of interest to YACO members

NEW DEADLINE

A new DEADLINE has been set for the 10th of each month so that we might get the paper out even earlier. It seems that our members out of Watsonville are not receiving their KALIFORNSKI early enough to plan on attending any of our programs. Members in Watsonville receive their copies at least two days after mailing so it seems to be a problem with a hold up at the post office. If I don't have the information in time, I will not be able to publish it until the next issue. REMEMBER to send me any information by the 10th of each month.

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CALENDAR

*Unless otherwise noted, all meetings take place
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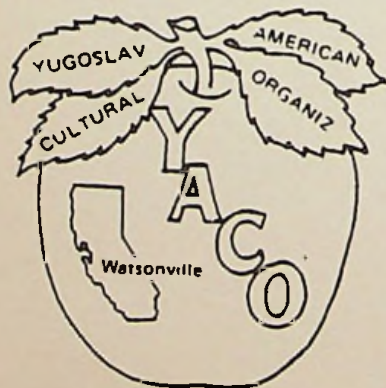
- January 8 Audio/Visual (Slides) plus desserts
February 5 KUPUS FEED - Free to Members
March 4 ANNIVERSARY DINNER DANCE
at the Elks Lodge, 121 Martinelli
(Doors open at 6, Dinner at 7 p.m.)
April 2 JUST DESSERTS
&
REMINISCING
May 7 MOTHERS DAY POTLUCK
(Don't forget Scholarship Bake Sale
at Fairway Market also.)
June 4 ACADEMIC AWARDS
plus program to be announced
July 2 YACO ANNUAL BARBEQUE
Corralitos Padres Park, 11 a.m. - ?
August 6 Program to be announced
September 3 Program to be announced
October 1 Audio/Visual (Slides or movie)
November 5 ELECTIONS & Desserts
December 3 YACO CHRISTMAS PARTY
5 p.m. - ?



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